Records of the Committee of Management of the New England Tract Association of Friends.

A.D. 1838 et seq.

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Comembers of the Board constitute a quorum

List of the Managers of the New England Tract Association of Friends, appointed 6mo 1838.

William Jenkins, Rowland Greene, Abraham Shearman Jr. Thomas Howland, Stephen Gould John D. Lang, John Meader Rowland Rathbun, Eli Jones, Thomas Hartness, Arnold Congdon Allen Pope, Caleb Jones, Moses B. Lockwood and Chas W. Jenkins.

Susan Howland, Anna A. Jenkins, Alice Rathbun, Hannah Gould Jr. Lydia Brud. Lydia H. Jones. Elizabeth Meader. Ann C. Lang. Elizabeth Hoxie. Lydia B. Capron. Lydia Congdon, Maria B. Jones, Joanna Peck, Prudence Greene, Ruth Fry Dorcas B. Hartness. Ruth H. Meader. Theodate Pope. Lydia Dennis Lydia Fry Sarah G. Tobey Anna G. Lockwood Eliza Boyce. Eliza Earle, Emeline Aldrich.

Thomas Fry, Caleb Nichols Samuel Jones Perez Peck Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Tobias Meader Lyzzels Dennis, John M. Earle, George H. Read Sam'l Austin, Gilbert Congdon.

At the first Meeting of the Board of Managers held 8mo 3d 1838,

Present 22 members,

A draft of a constitution to be forwarded to Friends to assist in the formation of Auxiliary Associations, was presented and read and after careful consideration was adopted ~~at this Meeting~~ — which with a preamble adopted at this meeting, and the constitution, were directed to be printed and spread among Friends. James Dennis Sam'l B. Tobey, Gil. Congdon and Thomas Hartness were appointed to have charge of the printing and circulation.

Gil. Congdon was appointed Treasurer in the place of Ch'S W. Jenkins dec'd

A Committee consisting of Stephen Gould, Rowland Rathbun, Alice Rathbun, John Meader, Rowland Greene, Thomas Howland

Saml Austin, Elizabeth Meade, Jona L. Lockwood
Jos. Hallock & Sarah L. Coley and Moses
B. Lockwood were appointed a committee
to procure tracts to the Amount of Seventy
five dollars Adjourned to

9 Mo. 1th 1838. Present 10 members.

Gilbert Congdon, Moses B. Lockwood
and Saml Austin were requested to procure
a suitable place for a depository for the tracts.
also to propose the name of a suitable person
to serve as depositary, They were author-
ized to have charge of the tracts now on
hand belonging to the Society, and to make
a proper disposition of them, till a person
shall be appointed for the purpose.—

Gilbert Congdon on behalf of the
committee appointed to superintend the print-
ing of a form of a constitution for auxiliaries
reported that 300 copies had been struck
off, and that most of them had been dis-
tributed among friends — The measure was
directed to settle the bill.—

Adjourned to

11 Mo. 2d 1838 Present 12 members

Moses B. Lockwood and Saml Austin were
appointed a committee to examine and
settle the late Treasurers account, and to
receive the balance and pay it over to the
treasurer recently chosen.

Moses B. Lockwood on behalf of the Com-
mittee appointed for the purpose, reported, that
they had concluded to propose the store of
A. Congdon & Co as depository and Gil. Cong-
don as depositary, which meeting the the ap-
probation of the board, the appointment was
made accordingly.

Jona L. Sweem and Gideon Smith were
elected members of the board to supply exist-
ing vacancies, and the clerk was requested
to give them the information.

Adjourned to

9mo 7th 1839

Present 10 members —

The committee appointed to examine and settle the late treasurers account reported that they had attended to that service — they found a balance of One hundred dollars in the treasury, which they received of Wm Stubbs and paid over to Gilbert Congdon the treasurer recently appointed. —

If more tracts should be needed than are now on hand to supply auxiliaries previous to another meeting of the Board Gil. but Congdon is authorized to purchase the necessary quantity.

Information was received that auxiliaries had been formed at Bolton Mass. & Providence R.I. which constitutions being in conformity with the requisitions of the constitution of the parent society they were received as auxiliaries by the Board. Under the names of the Bolton tract association auxiliary to the N.E. Tract As. of Friends, and the R.I. Tract Association auxiliary &c

Adjourned to meet at the School on 6th day evening after the next Quarterly Meeting.

9mo 3d 1839

Present 10 members. —

The committee appointed to furnish the necessary quantity of tracts, reported that they had ordered tracts from Philadelphia to the amount of 25 dollars, which they are informed have been shipped but have not yet arrived. —

A Committee consisting of Moses B. Lockwood & Jona L. Locum Gil. Congdon were appointed to draw up a report to the approaching annual meeting and present it to the next sitting of the Board.

It was concluded to order tracts from Philadelphia to the Amount of 50 dollars.

M.B. Lockwood, Gil. Congdon, Abram Sherman, Alice Rathbun, Rowland Greene, Jona L. Locum

Emeline Aldrich were appointed to examine the new tracts recently published by the Philadelphia Tract Association and report to the Board.—

Adjourned to 3d day afternoon of the meeting of the next Sub-Committee at 2 P.M.—

6mo. 4th 1839.

Met a few hours later than the time mentioned in the minute of adjournment

Present 11 Members.

Information was recvd that all the tracts ordered have been shipped except a few out of print. As soon as a new edition is issued the remainder will be forwarded.

It was concluded to order Tracts from Philadelphia to the amount of Seventy five (75) dollars

The committee appointed to draft a report to the Annual Meeting of the Society presented one, which was satisfactory to the Committee of Management. The Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of the Committee & forward it for the information of the Association.

The Committee appointed to examine the new tracts issued by the Philadelphia T. Assn reported that after a careful reading of them, they felt free to recommend them to the Committee of Management. The Committee accordingly ordered them to be received into the depository.

Samuel Austin, Moses B. Lockwood and James Dennis, were requested to take the necessary care, for the approaching annual meeting's accommodation.

They were also desired to notify Friends as extensively as may be of the time and place of Meeting.

—Adjourned

Moses B. Lockwood
Clerk.—

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the N.E. Yearly Meeting's Association of Friends held at [illegible] on the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for the ensuing year

It being proposed at this time to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to examine into the [illegible] of the Boarding School property [illegible] Thomas Kite Rowland Greene James Dennis Anna C. Smith Elizabeth Meader Sarah G. Tobey Anna C. Hoag & Lucretia Mott to serve as such committee for the ensuing year.

The Committee having had under consideration the subject referred to them at the last meeting of the Board, report that they have had the same under consideration & recommend that the Board do not at present extend its operations, but that it continue as heretofore.

The time having arrived for which the Association of Friends for the purpose of procuring (if needful during the intervals of the meetings of the Board) any sum not exceeding [illegible] dollars

[illegible]

Philadelphia 3d day of 12th Month 1839

10 Mo. 1st 1839 Met pursuant to adjournment

Present 9 members

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of a Tract on Civil Government issued by the Philadelphia Tract Association of Friends, report that they have given attention to the duties of their appointment and are united in recommending that the Board do not at present extend its operations, which is satisfactorily to this meeting. Adjourned to meet on the afternoon of the first 3d day in the 2nd month next at 2 o'clock

[illegible] meeting of the Board met
[illegible] Thos. S. Harvey Geo. F. Read
Edw. [illegible] Evans Wilson & Saml Austin
& Jos. [illegible] being present we consider it ad-
vised to defer the [illegible] for a further
notification being given a Quorum may be convened
Five members being met at the meeting
[illegible] on 6th day evening 2mo 8th it was concluded that the
Board should be convened to meet at the
Arnold Congdon's on 2nd day evening the 11th
at 8 o'clock

The meeting of the Board of Managers of the N.E.
First Association of Friends held at Providence
2mo 11th 1840.

Present 9 Members

Gilbert Congdon Moses B. Tucker Jas. Dennis
Dennis and Saml Austin were appointed a committee
prepare a report to the annual meeting of the
Association to be recorded at an adjourned
meeting of the Board.

Read & the Philadelphia stories
entitled "Extracts from the address to the Society of
Friends by Thomas Shillitoe" being presented to
the meeting and having received the sanction
of the Committee on Examining Books, it is adopted
by this Board as being suitable for circulation

Adjourned to meet on 3d day evening 2mo 3rd
at 8 o'clock.

2mo. 3rd. The Board met pursuant to adjourn-
ment — Present 9 members

The committee named ~~at our last meeting~~
for that service, produced at this meeting a
writing of a report to the Association which
was approved and directed to be forwarded to
the approaching annual meeting.

A committee consisting of Gilbert Congdon
Moses B. Tucker Jas Dennis and Saml Austin
were appointed to take the necessary care for the
accommodation of the annual meeting

Adjourned —

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Providence 2mo 3rd 1840.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the N. E. Tract Association of Friends held at Providence R. I. 11 mo. 14th 1840

Present 10 members —

Moses B. Lockwood was appointed clerk for the evening.

James Dennis, Arnold Congdon, Gideon Smith, John Meader, Lydia Congdon, Lydia Thurborne, Mary Smith, Anna L. Dennis

were appointed a Committee to examine such new tracts as it may be proposed to receive into the depository — and report thereon from time to time — and the depositary is directed to furnish said Committee with copies of the new tracts as they appear.

Moses B. Lockwood, Jona Thurborne Gilbert Congdon were appointed a Committee to have charge of purchasing tracts.

Gil. Congdon was appointed depositary.

Adjourned to 1 mo. 30th 1841 at 7 o'clock P.M.

1 mo. 30th 1841.

Present 9 members.

Saml Austin appointed Clerk of this Committee. — Adjourned to the 2nd day evening next previous to the 2. Meeting in the 5th mo. at 7½ P.M.

[The number present at the above named adjournment and at one following, not being a quorum the meeting was adjourned to 2nd day evening 5 mo 17th 1841]

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the N.E. Tract Association of Friends held at Providence 5 mo 17th 1841 — Present 9 members

The "Committee on the Examinations of Tracts" proposed the following as suitable for circulation — entitled

"Rudimental Discourses"

"Self Examination"

"Self Knowledge"

"Hints to Young on the duties of Civil Life"

"Fidelity & Profession"

(an Allegory)

"Christianity an interesting & practical principle"

being [illegible] 15, 18, 20, 28, [illegible] and [illegible] of the New York Series, and the Committee on Investigating Facts appointed in 11 month last were desired to procure as sufficient evidence of the above numbers ——

Samuel Conkie, Jonathan L. Slocum & Samuel Stanton were appointed to present at the Government of the receiving an extract of the Annual Mtg. of the Association, of 1840 proceedings during the past year.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in the 2nd day evening, subsequent to the ensuing Years Meeting — Samuel Austin Clerk.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Pa Hicksite Association held in Phila. 6 mo. 7th 1841.

Present 9 members

The Committee named to prepare an Address to be read to the annual meeting, produced the following which is approved and directed to be forwarded.

Edward C. Smith Thos. Dennis and Saml. Austin were appointed a committee to procure accommodations for holding the annual Mtg. & give notice to friends of the time and place of holding it

Adjourned

The Committee of Management for the present year as it appears from a minute of the Society is composed of the following friends

Thomas Howland
Howland Evans
Abraham Sharman Jr.
Arnold Gendon
Edgerton C. Smith
James Dennis
Reuben J. McKim
Jonathan L. Slocum
Albert Longston
George J. Adams

Alice Cathburn
Anna A. Jenkins
Susan Howland
Lydia Longston
Phebe C. McKim
Anna T. Dennis
Mary W. Smith
Mary E. Slocum
Eliza Almy

Samuel Austin Clk
George F. Read Treas.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management held at the Boarding School 6th Month 21st 1841 present eight members. Jonathan L. Slocum was appointed clerk for the year ensuing, and Gilbert Congdon and George F. Read were appointed depositaries.

A communication was received from thirty Friends of Falmouth, Maine, informing us that they had organized a Tract Association and requesting to be recognized as an auxiliary. It was concluded to recognize them as such, provided they adopt the form of Constitution recommended by the parent Association for auxiliaries.

The depositaries were requested to forward to each of the Committee of Management for inspection such Tracts as may from time to time be received into the depository, not heretofore examined by the Committee.

James Dennis and Jonathan L. Slocum were appointed to transfer the funds and books of the Society now in the hands of Gilbert Congdon the former Treasurer to George F. Read his successor

Adjourned to Second day evening 7th Month 26th at 8 o'clock.

Seventh Month 26th 1841

Five members of the Committee assembled but there being no quorum it was concluded to adjourn to 2nd day evening 8th Month 2nd at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment at Reuben J. Peckham's - present 11 members.

The Committee appointed in the 6th Month to transfer the books and funds of the Society from the former to the present Treasurer reported that they had accomplished that service.

Tracts No. 66, 67, 68, and 69 of the Philadelphia series were approved by the Board, and the depositaries were directed to procure a supply for circulation. The Board concluded

to hold its next meeting on 2nd day next preceding the Monthly Meeting to be held in Providence.

At a meeting of the Board held 12th mo. 4-41
Present James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, Reuben J. Peckham, Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Austin, Jona L. Slocum Mary W. Smith, Phebe G. Peckham, Anna T. Dennis and Mary E. Slocum.

One of the depositaries informed us that the Tracts which they were directed at the last meeting to procure had been purchased.

We are informed that the Trustees of C. Brown's Benevolent Fund have made a donation of Fifty Dollars to the Society.

The depositaries were requested to embrace every suitable opportunity to forward Tracts to Friends in remote sections of the Quarterly Meeting, and as way may open for it, to encourage auxiliaries by forwarding them Tracts for that purpose to circulate those publications as extensively as may be in those sections where such auxiliaries are located and report to future meetings

Adjourned to 1st day evening following the Monthly Meeting next to be held in Providence.

1 Month 29th 1842. The Board met according to adjournment. Present James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, Jonathan L. Slocum Gilbert Congdon, Reuben J. Peckham, George F. Read and Phebe G. Peckham.

Adjourned to 6th day evening following the Monthly Meeting next to be held in Providence.

At a meeting of the Board held 6th mo. 1842, present - Reuben J. Peckham, Gilbert Congdon George F. Read, Samuel Austin, Jona L. Slocum and Phebe G. Peckham. The following report

was presented by Samuel Austin viz.

The Committee to make inquiry as to the probable cost of printing Tracts from Stereotype plates, &c, have obtained the following estimates from several printers viz.:

Cost of printing 1000 copies of Tracts of 12 pages $1.75
" " 2000 " " " 3.25

Another
estimates " 1000 " " " 2,00
2000 " 4.00

and in same proportion for any amt.
The above has reference to the printing merely & preparing to be stitched

The cost of paper varies from $1.50 to $5. per ream (or sufficient for 1000 Tracts)

Probable that costing $2.50 per ream would be of a suitable quality for tracts

Estimate of whole cost for 1000 Tracts of 12 pages $4.50 to $5

Saml Austin for the Committee

At a meeting at Providence 6mo. 21st. 1842 present of the following Friends who it appeared by a minute from the late Annual Meeting were appointed a Committee of Management for the year ensuing viz

Nathaniel Herman
Rowland Greene
Thomas Howland
Arnold Congdon
James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith
Reuben J. Peckham
Jonathan L. Slocum
Gilbert Congdon
James Chase

Alice Rathbone
Anna A. Jenkins
Susan Howland
Lydia Congdon
Mary W. Smith
Phebe G. Peckham
Anna G. Dennis
Hannah Peckham
Mary C. Slocum
Eliza Almy

Samuel Austin Clerk
George F. Read Treasurer

Same Austin was appointed Agent of the Board for the ensuing

Information having been received that a number of Friends in New Garden have organized, proposing to become auxiliary to the P.E.F. Association of Friends", it is agreed to recognize them as such provided they have adopted the "Form of Constitution for Auxiliaries" recommended by the Parent Association and the Clerk is directed to furnish them a copy of this minute

Tracts Nos 70, 71, 72 & 73 of the P.E. Series entitled "Individual Influence" - "Sketch of the Life and Character of Wm Penn" - of Joseph Pike - & Wm Edmundson having been examined by the Board it was concluded to adopt them; and the Secretary is requested to order a supply.

Jonathan L. Slocum is appointed Clerk of the Board for the ensuing year: and George F. Read Depositary

Adjourned to meet at such time and place as may be designated by the Clerk

Samuel Austin, clerk pro tem

At a meeting of the Board held 12th Mo. 31st 1842. Present Arnold Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, James Dennis, Gilbert Congdon, George F. Read, James Chace, Samuel Austin, Jonathan L. Slocum and Mary E. Slocum.

George F. Read wishing to be released from the duties of depositary, Samuel Austin and Gilbert Congdon were appointed to attend to that service for the remainder of the year. George F Read wishing also to be released from the office of Treasurer, Jona. L. Slocum was appointed to that office for the remainder of the year, and James Dennis and James Chace were appointed to transfer the Books and funds in the hands of the former Treasurer to his successor and report to our next meeting

At a meeting of the Committee of Management held 5th mo. 29th 1844.

Present James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Daniel Buffenton, Reuben J. Peckham, Jonathan L. Slocum Gilbert Congdon Anna T. Dennis, Mary W. Smith Mary R. Buffinton Rhebe G. Peckham and Mary R. Congdon.

Gilbert Congdon and Samuel Austin were appointed depositaries for the remainder of the year, and they were authorized to purchase Tracts sufficient to supply the ~~deficiency~~ auxiliaries and other demands.

Jonathan L. Slocum and Gilbert Congdon were appointed to prepare an essay of a report and present it to our next meeting. This meeting was informed that the New York T. A. of Friends offer to us the gratuitous use of their stereotype plates. Whilst we appreciate the liberality of the offer and are of the opinion that they may be useful to us we refer the further consideration of the subject to a future meeting. Adj.d to 5th of 6th mo. at 8 o'clock, p.m.

Met according to adjmt. Present 5 members - & no quorum.

At a meeting at Providence 6mo. 28th 1844 — By a minute of the 7th Annual Mtg. of the N.E.F.A. of Friends it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed to Com. to Management for the ensuing year viz

Wm. Sherman Jr.
Thos Hoxland
Rowland Greene
Arnold Congdon
Gid. C. Smith
Danl. Buffinton
James Dennis
J.C. Peckham
C.J. Peckham
Saml Austin
Anna A. Jenkins
Lydia Congdon
Mary W. Smith
Mary R. Buffinton
Rhebe G. Peckham
Hannah Peckham
Anna T. Dennis
Mary R. Congdon
Mary C. Slocum
Elizabeth H. Austin

Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk
Gilbert Congdon Treasurer

of whom 6 a quorum are present —

Saml Austin was appointed clerk of the Board for the ensuing year. Jona L. Stevens and Saml Austin were appointed a committee to settle the late Treasurers accts and transfer the books and funds to our present Treasurer

Gilbert Congdon and Saml Austin were appointed Depositaries for the year ensuing

Adjourned to meet at J. L. Stevens on the 1st day evening next at 8 o'clock. Saml Austin clk

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4th day evening 7 met at 8 o'clock

Present 10 members — The com. appointed at the last meeting for the purpose mentioned that day reported to this effect viz. to receive from the late Treasurer the sum of [illegible]

The Pr. Clerk then presented a circular [illegible] which was read & ordered to be on the table. Whereupon Mr. Congdon moved that Saml Austin a committee be appointed to prepare a list of printing and to collect such information as is practicable and report at the next meeting of the Board. Which motion was carried.

The subject of the Board coming under consideration at this time it was voted that the regular meetings of the Board on the first evening in each month and that each Monthly meeting of the Sub committee of the Boundary School

Adjourn to meet at Saml Buffington's

Voted to pay Jno Bell for [illegible] being to an unreasonable amount and an account of some Friends concerned for attending Quarterly mtg. a question for the next meeting

Adjourned to meet at Saml Buffington's on 3rd day evening next at 8 P.M. Saml Austin clk

(The clerk to give notice to members of the Board)

3d day 6th. Your friends met who having [illegible] the Report recently sent down in consideration, & a quorum not [illegible] adjourned to

meet on 5th day evening next at 7 oclock ad-
-journed at 8 P.M. S. Austin Clk

5th day Evening 8mo. 8th met pursuant to adjourn-
-ment. Present 6 members

The Committee appointed to make inquiry in
relation to the probable cost of printing tracts
from Stereotype plates. Do make a partial re-
-port which was received. Additional inquir-
-ies relating to the subject were referred & them
and they were requested to report at our next meeting

It is concluded to adopt for circulation the
following Nos of the Philadelphia Series of
Tracts viz 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, referring for further consideration
No 76. Adjourned to meet at such place as may be des-
-ignated in written notices S. Austin Clk

At a meeting of the Committee of Management
of the A.E. Tract Association of Friends 1st mo.
1st. 1846 — Present 7 members. The Committ-
-ee appointed to make inquiry in relation to
printing &c did by minute of 7th mo. 4th. discontinued
by minute at a subsequent meeting reported
at this time that it seems inexpedient at present
to await consideration of the kind offer made by our
Elmira Friends — tho' they suggest that it may
appear desirable at some future time to adopt
some of their Tracts — which Report is accepted
& the Com. discharged from further care in the
case. The Treasurer informed us that he has
received on behalf of the Society a donation of
Fifty dols. from the Trustees of C. Evans's Bene-
-ficent Fund which is acceptable to us.

It is directed to adopt for circulation the fol-
-lowing favorite Tracts viz. "Selections of Poems
for Children" — "James Pounder" "E. C. Sloan & Mary
Post" "Wm Tyler Barling"

Adjourned

Nich & John Brown were in business together 1759 & onward. The
bot of their uncle Obadiah ~~Brown~~ one half of the Spermaceti works at
Jos Pt. or ~~Providence~~ Tockwotton and after O. B's death N. B. sold them one half of
his inherited half thus ~~interlacing Joseph~~ ~~mutually the Four~~ equally interesting
the 4 in the 3d property: He (N.) continued with them about 10
yrs in business (when in 1773) they reluctantly parted with him.
(From O B's death 1760)
as he desired to withdraw from the business

"Hagenbach's Hist. church 18 & 19 Cent." Pr. Ath.
"Praying & Working" by Chapman Bro. Lib. York
"Christus & Europa" Tiefde, P. Athenæum
Mercuriale of Port Royal
Zinzendorf by Spangenberg & C.
"Moravians"

1773
Anna Thom died 2 mo.
Letter by Hyper 21-7 mo 73
Watson 3-8 "
" 2-12 "
Jo Watson 21-12 "
Jon Watson 7-10 "
Richard Hare 18-12 73
Liberty
Wm & Jas Rees